

## OPINION 1698

### ***Brahmaea* Walker, 1855 (Insecta, Lepidoptera): *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793 confirmed as the type species**

#### **Ruling**

(1) It is hereby confirmed that the nominal species *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793, designated by Hampson ([1893]), is the type species of the nominal genus *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855.

(2) The name *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855 (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Hampson ([1893]) *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793, as confirmed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *certhia* Fabricius, 1793, as published in the binomen *Bombyx certhia* (specific name of the type species of *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

#### **History of Case 2737**

An application for the confirmation of Hampson's ([1893]) designation of *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855 was received from Drs W.A. Nässig (*Zoologisches Institut der Universität, Frankfurt, Germany*) and I.W.B. Nye (*South Nutfield, Surrey, U.K.*) on 16 August 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 137–139 (June 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

#### **Decision of the Commission**

On 1 March 1992 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 138. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 29: Bayer, Bock, Bouchet, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — none.

#### **Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*Brahmaea* Walker, 1855, *List of the specimens of lepidopterous insects in the collection of the British Museum*, vol. 5, p. 1200.

*certhia*, *Bombyx*, Fabricius, 1793, *Entomologia systematica emendata et aucta*, vol. 3, part 1, p. 412.

The following is the reference for the designation of *Bombyx certhia* Fabricius, 1793 as the type species of the nominal genus *Brahmaea* Walker, 1855:

Hampson, G.F. [1893]. *The fauna of British India, including Ceylon and Burma, moths*, vol. 1, p. 29.